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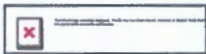
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find attached to this message a request, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, for EPA records related to the production of a secondary metabolite called paracelsin by the microorganism *T. reesei*.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the attached request. A hard copy is on its way to you.

Thank you.



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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is a request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 *et seq.* This request relates to two proposed EPA rules:

- A 2012 proposed significant new use rule under the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA") related to the micro-organism *Trichoderma reesei* ("*T. reesei*") (docket no. EPA-HQ-OPPT-2010-0994, 77 Fed. Reg. 35331); and
- A 2012 proposal to add *T. reesei* and another microorganism to the list of microorganisms exempt from full notification and reporting procedures under TSCA (docket no. EPA-HQ-OPPT-2011-0740, 77 Fed. Reg. 54499).

Each of the above proposed rules states that EPA views the production of a secondary metabolite called *paracelsin* as the principal human health risk associated with the use of *T. reesei* in industrial fermentation operations.

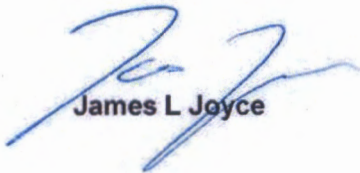
I am seeking copies of all documents that relate to EPA's evaluation of paracelsin production by *T. reesei* and any assessment of public health risks associated with same. In particular, I would like copies of any documents related to any determination by EPA of levels of paracelsin above which EPA would consider an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Documents provided should include all internal and external reports, data, laboratory results, and other such materials considered by EPA in assessing risks associated with paracelsin production by *T. reesei* or in determining a level at which paracelsin presents an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment. If you have any questions about this request, please contact me.

If the search, review, and copying fees for this effort do not exceed \$1,000, please proceed to gather the documents and I will provide payment. If the fees exceed that amount, please contact me.

I would prefer to receive the documents electronically at jim.joyce@klgates.com, but would accept a hard copy at the address at the top of this letter if that method is more efficient.

To the extent the requested records contain exempt information that your office is not at this time prepared to disclose, I request that your office, at a minimum, produce redacted copies of the responsive records. If all or any part of this request is denied, please provide me with a written statement of the grounds for the denial stating the law or regulation upon which you believe you may deny access.

Sincerely,



James L. Joyce